SUBJECTS.

(3) Section 33 should be so modified as to allow the Jenmies to institute a suit under the Regulation in the Munsiff's Court, even though the amount exceeded Rs. 30, now that the Munsiffs had been empowered to try, as small causes, suits the value of which did not exceed Rs. 100.

In conclusion, the Member prayed for the appointment of a Committee to enquire into and report on the grievances of the Jenmies.

The Jenmi Kudiyan Regulation should either be repealed or modified.

Mr. Kerularu Matheveru (Member, Jenmi, Quilon Division) said that he had nothing more to say in the matter beyond what the previous Member had urged.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

23. Appointment of a Member in the Legislative Council to represent the Jenmies.

Mr. Narayanar Janardanar (Member, Jenmi, Trivandrum and Padmanabhapuram Divisions) said that the Jenmies of Travancore had the proprietary right over 15/16 of the properties in the State. Planters who, compared to them, owned very little landed property, were now allowed to be represented in the Legislative Council, while the Jenmies had no representative therein. He said that many of the difficulties now complained of regarding the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation would have disappeared had there been a Jenmi member in the Council. This matter was represented in the last Assembly but had not met with any favourable result. He prayed that this privilege should be extended to the Jenmies and that the Jenmi Sabha might be allowed to elect a Jenmi member to the Legislative Council.

Dewan.—Is there any English-knowing gentleman among the Jenmies ?

The Member replied that there was.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

24. The necessity for legislation concerning *chitties*.

Mr. Mathevan Kesavan (Member, Neyyattinkara taluk) represented that *chitties* were a source of litigation and loss to the poor people in the State. The foremen of the *chitties* generally alienated their properties after starting the schemes, with a view to defraud the subscribers. Whenever a prized member defaulted to subscribe, the foreman at once took the opportunity to realize all the dues together and appropriated them to his own use, while, if a prize-winner sued for his prize, he could not realize anything from the foreman. Another difficulty was that the non-prized subscribers could not withdraw from the scheme without forfeiting what had been already paid by them. The poor people in the country parts were not aware of the existence of the Savings Bank system, to utilize its advantages. The Member therefore prayed that, considering the difficulties of the poor people in the matter of *chitties*

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